

# WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Barnard Exempts

360 Maiden Lane

Rochester, New York 14614

July 29, 2023

**Sergeant-at-Arms** Anthony Demarco pointed out the exits.

**President** Gerald Dunst called the meeting to order at 1300hr.

**Sergeant-at Arms** Anthony Demarco led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Chaplain** Alan Way offered the Invocation.

**President** Dunst welcomed everyone.

A motion by Alan Way, seconded by Thomas McLaughlin to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

**Report of the Recording Secretary** – Michael Kislack: Copy of 1<sup>st</sup>. Responder and Notice for Southwestern Convention.

A motion by Bruce Mack, seconded by Wendi Walker to accept the Recording Secretary report. Motion Carried.

**Report of the Financial Secretary** – Penni Dysard:

As of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a total of 45 members have paid, and 97 Fire Companies for a total of \$2,540.00 in dues.

A motion by William Kershner Jr., seconded by Bonnie Sweet to accept the Financial Secretary report. Motion Carried.

**Report of the Treasurer** – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$2,535.37
Checking:	\$3,759.72
Scholarship:	\$534.35

Total:	\$6,829.44
Disbursements:	\$900.00
Balance:	\$6,829.44

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, seconded by Wayne Butts to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

**Communications:**

Received a copy of 1<sup>st</sup> Responder newspaper and copies of The Volunteer Firefighter Magazine. We also received a notice of the Southwestern Convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**First Vice President** Billy Boyd assumed the Chair.

**Trustees Report** – Doug Wood

No Report – 4 Trustees Present

**Bowling Committee** – Tom McLaughlin:

2024 Tournament will be held at Gates Bowl once again. All checks for 2023 prizes have been cashed.

**Program Book:** Ed Dysard

Still do not have a signed contract at this point. As of July 28<sup>th</sup>. 2023 Gross sales are \$32,385.99, and WNYVFA portion is \$6,581.19.

**Budget:** A budget meeting will take place in August.

**Bylaws Committee:** William Kershner Jr:

The four proposed changes that have been read of and posted on the website were presented.

Motion was made by Michael Delamere, seconded by Wayne Butts to vote on the changes as one vote. Motion Carried.

**Convention Committee,** Don Fredericy:

No Report

**EMS Committee:**

No Report

**Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee:**

No Report: FASNY Youth Day August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wheatfield Tower.

**Fireman of the Year Committee:**

The awards were given out at the Firefighter of the Year presentation earlier in the day.

**Fire Police Committee:**

No Report

**Fire Prevention Committee:**

No Report, Mike Lapinski did mention if anyone is planning any essay contests this year, you should reach out to the schools ASAP.

**History Committee:**

No Report

**Investment & Finance Committee:** Tom McLaughlin:

Scholarship	\$534.35
Savings	\$2,535.37
Men's Bowling	\$149.90
Women's Bowling	\$150.00
Past Presidents	\$340.00
America Bonds	\$60,172.71
Balance 06/30/23	\$63,882.33
Scholarship savings	\$4,629.37
CD – 106	\$2,724.59
CD – 107	\$5,911.44
Balance 06/30/23	\$13,265.40
FASNY Checking	\$3,759.72
Total Association Assets	\$80,907.45

**Legislative Committee:** David Sweet

Dave gave a short overview of the Legislative results for 2023.

**Memorial Scholarship Committee: Billy Boyd**

All awards have been sent out.

**Second Vice President** Chris Snyder assumed the Chair.

**Nominations Committee: Joe Montesano**

Election of Officers:

President – Billy Boyd, no other nominations

Motion was made by Andy Pilecki, seconded by Alan Way to close nominations for President and have Recording Secretary cast one vote. Motion Carried.

1<sup>st</sup>. VP – Chris Snyder, no other nominations

The motion was made by Anthony Demarco, seconded by Bruce Mack to close nominations for 1<sup>st</sup>. VP and have Recording Secretary cast one vote. Motion Carried.

2<sup>nd</sup>. VP – Greg Horr, no other nominations

The motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Bruce Mack to close nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup>. VP and have President cast one vote. Motion Carried.

Recording Secretary – Michael Kislack, no other nominations

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by William Kershner Jr to close nominations for Recording Secretary and have Recording Secretary cast one vote. Motion Carried.

Financial Secretary – no nominations

Treasure – Thomas McLaughlin was nominated by Wendi Walker and was accepted.

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, seconded by Alan Way to close nominations for Treasure and have Recording Secretary cast one vote. Motion Carried.

Trustees:

Allegany County: Wayne Butts

Cattaraugus County: William Kozak

Chautauqua County: No Letter

Erie County: No Letter

Genesee County: Kathleen Wright

Livingston County: Joe Montesano

Monroe County: Dale Nesbitt

Niagara County: Greg Nicholas

Orleans County: No Letter

Steuben County: Jason Thompson

Wyoming County: Alice Biscaro

The motion was made by Michael Delamere, seconded by Harold Wollaber II to close except the letters from the respective Counties and appoint the Trustees for the WNYVFA. Motion Carried.

**Nozzle Practice:** Doug Wright:

No Report, we will have a tournament in 2024.

**Parade Committee:**

No Report, we will have a parade in 2024.

**Past Presidents Committee:** Chris Curry:

10 Past President in attendance.

**President Participation:** Penni Dysard

Will have the results at the next meeting.

**Public Relations:** James Lepard

The information from everyone for the next article is coming slow. Please send your information ASAP.

**Queen's Pageant:**

No Report

**Resolutions:** Michael Delamere

Resolution #1

Motion was made by Andy Pilecki, seconded by Wayne Butts to except Resolution #1 as read. Motion Carried.

Resolution #2

Motion was made by William Kershner Jr., seconded by Primo Biscaro to except Resolution #2 as read. Motion Carried.

### Resolution #3

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Bonnie Sweet to except Resolution #3 as read. Motion Carried.

### Resolution #4

Motion was made by Wayne Butts, seconded by Primo Biscaro to except Resolution #4 as read. Motion Carried.

### Resolution #5

The motion was made by Anthony Demarco, seconded by Daniel Evans to except Resolution #5 as read. Motion Carried.

#### **Topics:**

No Report, Anthony Demarco asked what the association is looking for regarding topics.

#### **2% Tax: Anthony Demarco:**

The 2% forum for FASNY will be held on Thursday at 1pm at the FASNY Convention.

#### **Website: Mike Kislack:**

All is going good with the website, if anyone has anything they would like to have listed, please let Mike Kislack know.

#### **Northern Central Liaison: Dave Sweet:**

Next meeting will be on September 17th, 2023, at 1pm in Dresden.

#### **Southwestern Liaison: Daniel Evans**

Introduced President Elect Bill Kozck

#### **Steering: Wayne Butts**

Steering would like to endorse the following people for FASNY offices.

Anthony Demarco for a second 5-year Term as Trustee of the Firefighters Home.

Rober Outhouse for a 1<sup>st</sup> 5-year Term as Trustee of the Firefighters Home.

Vincent Ammirati for a 1<sup>st</sup> 5-year Term as Trustee of the Firefighters Home.

#### **President Dunst resumed the Chair.**

Motion was made by Wayne Butts, seconded by Anthony Demarco III to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

**FASNY Firemen's Home:** Trustee Anthony Demarco:

85 members are in the home currently, and we have three more to be voted on in the coming days. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament at the Home. Five members will be attending the FASNY Convention in Niagara Falls in August.

**FASNY Director:** Diane Pfersick:

FASNY Convention - August 10-12 Sheraton Hotel, Niagara Falls.

- Past President's Dinner at Frontier FD
- Block Party
- Scholarship Raffle
- Testimonial Dinner honoring outgoing Director Laurie Hance, and Trustees Michael DeVittorio and Gerald Owenberg.
- Elections will be held for those positions. Also, because there is an additional vacancy on the Board of Trustees, there will be a write-in process for that position.

Legislative Weekend November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> with all FASNY Committees to meet.

Get out and talk to your legislators and educate them on the 2% funds.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

Recording Secretary Kislack read off the list of Lifetime Members to be voted on.

- Marie Pressley – Niagara County
- Mickey Pilon – Orleans County
- Michael Scheicher – Niagara County
- Dick Wayner – Niagara County
- Dennis Rusinek – Erie County
- Scott Will – Erie County
- Jeff Dewart – Niagara County
- Michelle Dewart – Niagara County
- Carol Staffehl – Wyoming County
- Brenda DiSalvo-Taber – Livingston County
- Matthew Piwtorak – Niagara County
- Marsha Holland – Chautauqua County
- Barbara Barber – Wyoming County
- William Langerfield – Erie County
- William Boyd – Livingston County

- Sarah Twanley – Livingston County
- Bruce Atkins – Erie County
- Peter Smith – Niagara County
- Andrew Dysard – Niagara County
- Gary Morrison – Livingston County

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Diane Pfersick to accept the Lifetime Members. Motion Carried.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Billy Boyd thanked Daniel Evans for the \$400.00 donation for the Scholarship fund.

President Dunst performed the Roll Call of Counties

- Allegany – Present
- Cattaraugus – Present
- Chautauqua – Present
- Erie – Present
- Genesee – Not Present
- Livingston – Present
- Monroe – Present
- Niagara – Present
- Orleans – Not Present
- Steuben – Present
- Wyoming – Present

Ed Dysard went over what changes the solicitor is asking for regarding the Program Book. He wants a three-year contract, a \$10K Guarantee, and a maximum of 18 pages.

### **Good of the Organization:**

Anthony Demarco invited everyone to Caledonia in 2024 for the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

The Guest list was read by Second Vice President Snyder. Eleven Past Presidents in attendance, Two FASNY Directors, One Past FASNY Director, Three FASNY Home Trustees, and Two Past FASNY Home Trustees.

Sergeant-at-Arms Anthony Demarco III reported the Attendance: 48 People in attendance, and 76 people for the Memorial Service.

The Excused List consisting of 6 members was read by Recording Secretary Michael Kislack.

Motion was made by Bruce Mack, seconded by Thomas McLaughlin to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Alan Way

A Motion was made by Wayne Butts seconded by Bonnie Sweet to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50hr.

Respectfully submitted Michael Kislack, Recording Secretary.

*Michael A. Kislack*

Next Meeting will be Sunday September 10th, 2023, starting at 1300hr.

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